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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICAL FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented any scheme, under which free medical facility can be provided to rural people in far flung villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Government has set up a three-tier system of Sub-Centres, primary health Centres and Community Health Centres in the rural and far flung areas, under which free health care/medial facilities are provided to the people. To ensure the outreach of free medical facilities to remote corners of the contry, Government has relaxed the norms for setting up of the primary health care infra-structure, as below :

Infra-structure	Population norms	
	Plain Areas	Tribal/Hilly Areas
Sub-Centres	5000	3000
Primary Health Centres	30000	20000
Community Health Centres	120000	80000

While Health is primarily a state subject, the centre provides free supply of some contraceptives, some basic maternal and child health care medication, as well as some products from the indigenous system of medicines.